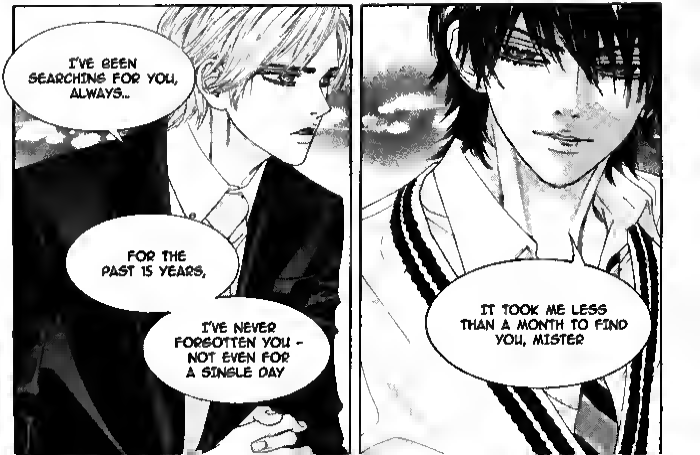
THE SUMMIT
EXTRA
TODAY'S THE FOURTH PASSING YEAR.
MY MOTHER'S LAST APPEARANCE MUST'VE BEEN A LOT DIFFERENT THAN WHAT YOU WERE ACCUSTOMED TO. SHE HAS NEVER DISPLAYED ANY SEMBLANCE OF AFFECTION OR LENIENCY, NOT EVEN TO HER OWN FLESH AND BLOOD.
SHE SOMETIMES LOOKED AT ME AS IF SHE WERE AFRAID OF ME - JUST LIKE HOW YOU'RE LOOKING AT ME RIGHT NOW. BUT SHE TRIED TO PROTECT ME, EVEN TOWARDS THE VERY END SHE EVEN SACRIFICED HERSELF FOR ME
WHETHER IT WAS OUT OF LOVE OR RESPONSIBILITY OR BECAUSE OF A PROMISE, I DON'T KNOW
ANYWAY, I SURVIVED BECAUSE OF THAT,
AND EVEN CAME AS FAR AS THIS.

TRUTHFULLY, I'M NOT MOVED BY HER ACTIONS. I JUST PITY HER FOOLISHNESS.
FOR ME, LIVING HAS NEITHER MEANING NOR JOY IN IT
YOU CAN'T CALL LIVING FOR THE SAKE OF SURVIVING AN ACTUAL LIFE, CAN YOU? I'M SICK OF LIVING NOW
A 15-YEAR-OLD KID
SHOULDN'T SAY SUCH THINGS.
NOW THAT I'M WEARING A SCHOOL UNIFORM, I FEEL LIKE AN ORDINARY STUDENT, BUT..

HOW DO YOU THINK WE APPEAR IN THE EYES OF OTHERS?
AFFECTIONATE FATHER AND SON SPENDING THEIR FREE AFTERNOON TOGETHER?
THEY WOULD NEVER IMAGINE
THAT YOU'RE SITTING DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM YOUR OWN SON'S KIDNAPPER.
HE'S A CUTE KID
BECAUSE HE DION'T POSSESS EVEN THE SLIGHTEST PRECAUTION,
BECAUSE HE WAS TOO ADORABLE AND INNOCENT,

I ALMOST UNWITTINGLY SNAPPED HIS NECK
I HAVE NO INTENTIONS OF HARMING HIM, BUT
THIS IS THE END FOR ME. I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO.
BUT HAVING NO ONE TO REMEMBER ME IS POINTLESS.


I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU, ALWAYS...
FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS,
I'VE NEVER FORGOTTEN YOU - NOT EVEN FOR A SINGLE DAY
IT TOOK ME LESS THAN A MONTH TO FIND YOU, MISTER

I HOLD NO GRUDGE AGAINST YOU
BECAUSE YOU AND MOTHER LOOKED SO HAPPY TOGETHER IN THE PHOTOGRAPH.
I WAS JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU WERE.
WILL YOU BE ABLE TO
EXPLAIN MY EXISTENCE TO ME?
WILL YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ME?
..I LOOKED FORWARD TO IT, A LITTLE

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THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO SAID THAT THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF ME.
YOU CLAIM THAT YOU WOULD KEEP THE PERSON WHO TRIED TO HURT YOUR CHILD NEAR TO YOU
IT'S PROBABLY INSINCERE BUT
AT LEAST I KNOW ONE THING NOW
YOU SHARE SOME KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY
CAN I LOOK FORWARD TO THAT?
OLDER BROTHER...
OLDER BROTHER, ARE WE GOING NOW?
YEAH. DID YOU HAVE FUN TODAY?
UH-HUH.

WE'LL COME HERE AGAIN, RIGHT?
YES, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE IT AGAIN SOON.
REALLY? WHEN?
SOON.
CAN YOU PROMISE NOT TO FORGET ME TILL THEN?
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